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of Croatia

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1. In the beginning of 1950, the Ministry of Transportation of the Republic of Croatia reorganized its highway maintenance services. The various attempts last year to prevent deterioration of highways were not successful because of the lack of mechanized equipment and specialists. For this reason, the 12 republic highway maintenance agencies under the AOP (Army for the Defense of the Republic) of the Ministry of Transportation, realizing that in 1950 there is little hope of increasing the staff of specialists and mechanized equipment, has to reorganized the present staff and facilities so as to obtain maximum results.
2. The reorganization has not yet been completed, but it is planned to achieve the following:
 - a. A more intensive and regular maintenance of pebble (sic) surfaces and repeated inspection of certain critical points for the purpose of eliminating road bumps and cracks and thus insuring uninterrupted traffic.
 - b. The adaptation of highway construction to the needs of current automobile traffic by constructing passways, widening curves, et cetera.
 - c. Efficient maintenance of existing surfaces.
 - d. To provide for the construction of lesser objectives, such as small bridges approximately 10 meters long and supporting walls.
3. The new highway maintenance organization will be set up and managed in the following manner:
 - a. Highway maintenance agencies come under the jurisdiction of the Transportation Commission (Poverenistvo) of the national republic.
 - b. A provincial department for highway maintenance with operational sections is being established in each province. The existing staff of specialists will be retained, and all capable administrative and fiscal personnel will be placed in the newly established departments. The effects of this will be as follows:

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- 1). The field of activity of the operational sections in the provincial departments will cover a range of only 200 to 600 kilometers, whereas the previous departments were responsible for as much as 1,200 kilometers of highways.
- 2). By decreasing the number of departments, administrative work will be decreased, especially bookkeeping, for which there is a lack of specialized personnel. The operational sections will be freed of all administrative work, except for keeping the most vital records.
- 3). The mechanized equipment will be located in the headquarters of each department, whence it will be distributed according to the needs of the sections.
- 4). Three to four sections will be formed, depending on the size of the province, and these will be further subdivided into workyards with an operational range of 50 kilometers each.

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